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In the application of)
Ikuko Yairi et al.) Examiner: Unknown
Title:)
Self Sustained Moving Support System,) Art Unit: 2161
Method of the Same and Recording Medium)
Serial No.: 10/519,859) Confirmation No. 9314
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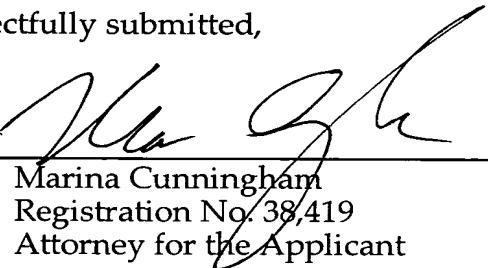
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patent copies, Applicants respectfully request the Examiner contact Applicants' Representative at the number listed below.

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 System, Method of the Same and Recording Medium

U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS

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OTHER DOCUMENTS

<u>Examiner's Initials</u>	Copy of European Search Report for Serial No. EP 03 74 1135 dated September 27, 2006.
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